

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A modular water flow system for an aquarium comprising:

a pump;

a water intake system having an interior portion inside the aquarium and an exterior portion outside the aquarium wherein the water intake system pulls water in from the aquarium through ~~at least one~~ multiple inlets which customizably pull water in from multiple locations of the aquarium due to a propulsive force created by the pump;

a water return system having an interior portion inside the aquarium and an exterior portion outside the aquarium wherein the water return system permits the water to return to the aquarium from ~~at least one~~ multiple outlets customizably located in multiple locations of the aquarium;

at least one valve assembly to manage at least one of the water return system and the water intake system to regulate a flow rate;

an overwall assembly unit which couples the interior portions of the modular water flow system to the exterior portions of the modular water flow system via a link wherein the link comprises at least one inlet port which is connected to at least one of the interior portions of the modular water flow system and at least one outlet port which is connected to at least one of the exterior portions of the modular water flow system; [[and]]

the at least one inlet port is rotatably coupled to the

corresponding interior portion of the modular water flow system[[.]];

multiple interchangeable components connected to manipulate the flow of water into a desired pattern; and

multiple attachment mechanisms coupled to the interchangeable components which attach the interchangeable components to the aquarium.

2. (currently amended) The modular water flow system of claim 1, wherein the water intake system, the water return system, and the at least one valve assembly are coupled by ~~at least one~~ connecting pieces.

3. (currently amended) The modular water flow system of claim 2, wherein the ~~at least one~~ connecting pieces further comprise[[s]] at least one of the following:

a coupling bracket;

a tee bracket; and

an elbow bracket.

4. (currently amended) The modular water flow system of claim 2, wherein the ~~at least one~~ connecting pieces [[is]] are coupled to [[an]] attachment mechanisms.

5. (currently amended) The modular water flow system of claim 4, wherein the attachment mechanisms ~~is-a~~ are suction cups.

6 - 8 (cancelled)

9. (previously presented) The modular water flow system of claim 1, wherein the outlet port is rotatably coupled to the corresponding exterior portion of the modular water flow system.

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) The modular water flow system of claim ~~[[10]]~~ 31 further comprising at least one cap which can seal at least one of the one or more openings.

13. (currently amended) The modular water flow system of claim ~~[[10]]~~ 31 wherein the valve assembly further comprises at least one attachment that fastens to the opening of the valve assembly.

14. (original) The modular water flow system of claim 13 wherein the at least one attachment includes at least one of:

a hydrojet; and

a ball/socket assembly.

15. (original) The modular water flow system of claim 14, wherein the ball/socket assembly comprises a number of interlocking balls and sockets that can be rotated in at least one direction to allow customizability in water flow pattern.

16. (original) The modular water flow system of claim 1, wherein the water return system further comprises at least one spray bar having at least one aperture.

17. (original) The modular water flow system of claim 1, further comprising at least one pipe connected on each end by at least one connecting piece and located between the water intake system and the water return system.

18. (currently amended) A modular water flow system for an aquarium comprising:

multiple water intake means;

multiple water return means;

means for adjusting water intake or return rate;

means for removing water from multiple locations of an interior portion inside the aquarium to an exterior portion outside the aquarium;

means for returning water to the interior portion of the aquarium from the exterior portion of the aquarium;

a connection means for coupling the interior portion to the exterior portion of the aquarium; [[and]]

means for swiveling the connection means to facilitate positioning of the water flow system[[.]];

means for attaching the water flow system to the aquarium in multiple locations; and

means for customizably manipulating the flow of water into a desired pattern as chosen by an aquarist.

19-29. (cancelled)

30. (previously presented) The modular water flow system of claim 1, wherein the inlet port is rotatably coupled to the interior portions of the modular water flow system to facilitate positioning of the modular water flow system.

31. (new) A modular water flow system for an aquarium comprising:

a pump;

a water intake system having an interior portion inside the aquarium and an exterior portion outside the aquarium wherein the water intake

system pulls water in from the aquarium due to a propulsive force created by the pump;

a water return system having an interior portion inside the aquarium and an exterior portion outside the aquarium wherein the water return system permits the water to return to the aquarium; and

at least one valve assembly to manage at least one of the water return system and the water intake system to regulate a flow rate wherein the valve assembly further comprises one or more openings and a regulator which regulates the rate at which water enters the water intake system or the rate at which water returns from the water return system.

32. (new) The modular water flow system of claim 31, wherein the regulator further comprises an adjustment mechanism adjustable by an aquarist which regulates the rate at which the water enters the water intake system or the rate at which the water returns from the water return system.